

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/635,419

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the applicant's election filed March 24, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12-19 and 31-36.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/30/2003
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 06/20/2006
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the applicant's communication filed March 24, 2006.
2. Claims 12-19, and 31-38 have been elected and claims 1-11, 20-30, 39-50 have been withdrawn from examination.
3. Claims 12-19, and 31-38 are pending and presented for examination.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Jeffrey G. Toler (Reg. No. 38,342) the undersigned for applicant(s) on June 19, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

31. (Currently Amended) An automated method of generating a proposal, the method comprising: retrieving a first rhetorical element of a plurality of rhetorical elements available for retrieval from computer storage; retrieving a second rhetorical element from the plurality of rhetorical elements; constructing a sentence, paragraph, or section by combining the first rhetorical element and the second rhetorical element, wherein the first rhetorical element is displayed using a first degree of technical content and a second degree of technical content, the

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second degree being greater in technical specificity than the first degree of technical content; and
automatically generating the proposal including the sentence.

Claims 1-11 (Canceled)

Claims 20-30 (Canceled)

Claims 37-50 (Canceled)

Information Disclosure Statement

5. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on October 30, 2003 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, It has been placed in the application file. The information referred to therein has been considered as to the merits.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 12-19, and 31-36 are allowed over the prior art made of record.

Reasons for Indicating Allowable Subject matter

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: upon searching a variety of databases, the examiner respectfully submits that: a) --receiving a user input entered in a plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements associated with a content subject, wherein each of the plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements having a rhetorical structure to facilitate selective assembly into at least one sentence; storing the plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements in a data record associated with the content subject;

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converting at least a portion of the data record into a structured format file supporting rhetorical elements, the structured format file including at least one grammatical structured text entry element of the plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements-- as embodied in the independent claim 12, and

b) --retrieving a first rhetorical element of a plurality of rhetorical elements from a computer storage; retrieving a second rhetorical element from the plurality of rhetorical elements in order to construct a sentence, paragraph, or section by combining the first rhetorical element and the second rhetorical element, wherein the first rhetorical element is displayed using a first degree and a second degree of technical content, the second degree being greater in technical specificity than the first degree of technical content -- as embodied in the independent claim 31. These limitations, in context with the other limitations of the claims were not disclosed by, would not have been obvious over, nor would have been fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

The dependent claims 13-19, and 32-36, being further limiting to the independent claims 12 and 31 definite and fully enabled by the Specification are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Prior Art Made Of Record

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure. U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications will not be supplied with Office

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actions. Examiners advises the Applicant that the cited U.S. patents and patent application publications are available for download via the Office's PAIR. As an alternate source, all U.S. patents and patent application publications are available on the USPTO web site (www.uspto.gov), from the Office of Public Records and from commercial sources. For the use of the Office's PAIR system, Applicants may refer to the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at <http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html> or 1-866-217-9197.

Points Of Contact

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacques Veillard whose telephone number is (571) 272-4086. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. to Fri. from 9 AM to 4:30 PM, alt. Fri. off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached on (571) 272- 4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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